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Application of: Erhard LIEBIG

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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR THE THERMAL DEGASSING OF THE WORKING MEDIUM OF A TWO-PHASE PROCESS Attorney Docket No.: 61277-60010

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

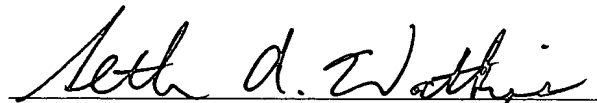
Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby invites the Examiner's attention to the 6 references listed on the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449, copies of which are provided herewith. A copy of the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT application No. PCT/IB02/03563 also is provided herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding EP search report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review all of the references and make them of record in the present application by completing and returning the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449.

As this statement is being submitted before the first Office Action or within three months of the filing date, no fee is believed to be due. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Collier Shannon Scott Deposit Account No. 03-2469.

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